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The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
House Appropriations Committee  
H-307, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20015

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
H-405, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for **The Wound Center at GBMC Expansion** in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is **Greater Baltimore Medical Center, Inc.** located at 6701 N. Charles Street, Towson, Maryland 21204.

Renovate existing hospital space to improve patient comfort and satisfaction. The Greater Baltimore Medical Center (GBMC) Wound Center is currently located on the main hospital building's fourth floor. Most treatment rooms are too small. That location also creates mobility problems for patients, some in pain, as they maneuver through narrow hallways, particularly for morbidly obese patients, elderly patients, and/or patients using wheelchairs, walkers, scooters, or stretchers. Relocating this outpatient Center to ground level and reconfiguring and renovating the new Center space with larger rooms and adjacent parking will result in better service, better outcomes, and higher patient comfort, convenience, and satisfaction. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because some patients are not able to get the level of care they need or resolve all their medical issues due to limitations of services in their communities. Because of this, patients often travel to GBMC seeking the expertise of the Wound Center team and the breadth and scope of its services. Though there are other wound centers in the area, they are smaller in scope and volume. Furthermore, the academic institutions in the area do not have formal wound center services. The Wound Center thus addresses unmet community health needs for individuals residing closer to these smaller centers with limited services as well as to the academic institutions that do not offer these services. Because they are aware of the breadth and scope of GBMC's services, both the John Hopkins Medicine and the University of Maryland Medical System consistently refer patients to the Wound Center at GBMC.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent under one or more of the following criteria of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program: 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), 5305(a)(5).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



C.A. Dutch Ruppertsberger  
Member of Congress

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